World Bank comments on operation flood

2439. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adverse comments by the World Bank and other international agencies on the working of Operation Flood Programme has been examined and if so, what are the weaknesses highlighted by these agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Dairy Development Board imported contaminated dairy products particularly Irish butter affected by "Chernobyl" disaster; and

(c) if so, whether that quantity of butter has been withdrawn for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The World Bank and the European Economic Community have appreciated the performance of Operation Flood and have agreed to continue to provide assistance for Operation Flood III Programme.

(b) and (c) Samples from the consignments of SMP, Butter Oil and Butter received by NDDB from EEC under Operation Flood Programme after Chernobyl accident, including Irish Butter, were tested by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and found to contain radio-activity within permissible levels.

Advertisements to regional language newspapers

2440. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 3808 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1987 and state:

(a) the steps so far takes to give more advertisements to regional language newspapers|publications; and

(b) the amount released for advertisement during 1987-88 for regional language newspapers as compared to English and Hindi newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Government advertisements are not intended to be a measure of financial assistance to newspapers. These are released to meet varying publicity requirements in pursuance of broad social objectives. The regional languages newspapers are also used extensively.

(b) During the year 1987-88 (April—September) the amount spent on English, Hindi and regional languages newspapers was as under:

English	: RS.	14585173.00
Hindi	: Rs.	12908282.00
Other languages	: Rs.	14187839.00

Provision of basic amenities to cooperative group housing societies

2441. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Co-operative Group Housing Societies which have been allotted land in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that basic amenities like electricity, water, sewage and roads are not provided to these societies;

(c) what is the number of housing societies, whose houses are under construction in trans-Yamuna area; and

(d) whether it is a fact that houses constructed by several societies, ready for occupation in Patparganj are awaiting provision of basic amenities like roads, water, electricity sewege; if so; what is the likely date of providing these amenities.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.